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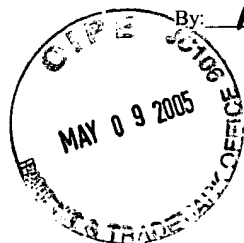
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FOR INDUCING OSTEOGENESIS

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 17, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit the following response and request entry of the following amendments. A petition for a two-month extension of time to extend the period of response to on or before May 17, 2005, is filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5 of this paper and include both attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.